

## A Peach of a Play!



The evening started in the departure lounge of Peach Airways, a very upmarket outfit, complete with attentive cabin crew and a relaxing pre-flight tincture. The flight director (Mrs Thomson) was fortunate to work with such an enthusiastic and talented company, led by James (Henry), orphaned by a ravenous rhino and raised by his hideous and exploitative aunts, Sponge (Charlotte) and Spiker (Siobhan).

The story, as you might guess, revolves, literally, around a giant peach (courtesy of Mr Moss) and powered by an Agboke engine and charts its journey from the cliffs of Dover to NYC. The peach has a number of residents or passengers; a burly American centipede (Harry), a cultured and eloquent grasshopper (Marley), a loquacious earthworm (Orlando), a chanteuse spider (Fenella), who duetted with a Lady-

bird (Imogen) and providing the illumination for all this, a glow-worm (Elise).

The journey is a perilous one, the peach being attacked by sharks, ravaged by seagulls and partially consumed by its chorally talented castaways. The day is saved by the acquisition of a compass, retrieved from a dancing Octopus (Laurie) in a fluorescent night club at the bottom of the ocean, complete with

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gyrating jellyfish and finally brought to NYC by 100 seagulls. At some point a New Zealand airways plane, complete with a Hacking crew make an appearance, before all is well in the world and James and his giant peach are once again the centre of attention.

With a flight time of just over an hour, this was a very enjoyable journey for all those lucky to have a seat. The piano bar was in full swing (Mr Wagstaff) and the technical wizardry (Mr Lloyd) that allowed reality to be suspended temporarily, all worked splendidly. Smiles abounded, even from the accountant, who confirmed that the audited books of Thomson Holidays show that there may be another trip in the future.





# Lower School

## Dinosaur Wow Day

Reception came dressed for the part for our spectacular dinosaur workshop. The children learned about fossils and how palaeontologists have uncovered the secrets of the dinosaurs. They took part in a 'dig' to find their own dinosaur egg and were



able to compare fossils with their living ancestors in the science lab.



# Lower School

## Science Workshop

Earlier this term, 1H enjoyed a science workshop with Mrs Harris in the science lab. They have been learning about different materials and their properties as part of their topic, 'Houses and Homes.' At the workshop they thought about how strong the different papers might be.

First of all, they made a prediction as to which would support the most weights. They then tested them to see if they were right. It was great fun waiting for the masses to crash to the ground. They recorded their results on big posters. It was a thoroughly



enjoyable afternoon and the children learnt a lot about carrying out a fair test.

Thank you Mrs Harris for organising it for us.

## Perform Workshop



On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Lower school took part in a Perform workshop. The children had to save the book of fairy tales from the wicked witch using knowledge they had from familiar tales. The children all joined in enthusiastically and took their role of saving the fairy tale book very seriously. They had so much fun and can't wait for their next adventure with Perform.



# Lower School

## Minibeasts Workshop

On Wednesday 1st March Reception visited the science lab to learn all about minibeasts. The children worked together in small groups, with the support of Upper School helpers, to sort minibeasts into different criteria. They then had the opportunity to handle the mini beasts that Mrs Harris has in the silence lab. A firm favourite with all of Reception was the handling of the Banana Beetles.



## Boar Hunt

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, the Year 1 children took part in a 'boar hunt' followed by a 'medieval banquet' as the culmination of their learning about castles. The children brought some wonderful costumes and we had beautiful princesses, brave kings and knights galore! Firstly, they took their home made spears and 'beaters' out into the grounds and chased the 'boar' (Mr Ross and Mrs Hall) out of the woods and around the field. It was great fun! After that they returned to the classroom (The Great Hall) for the banquet. There was plenty to eat and drink and excellent entertainment, too. Phoebe and Connor treated us to some lovely dancing, as did Chloe and Gabriella. Max showed off his juggling skills, while Joshua played his guitar for us. As well as this, many of the knights showed off their skills with the sword! The children thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon.



# Middle School

## Pizza Express

The 3M trip to Pizza Express in Berkhamsted was to help the children to understand about the different foods that we eat, and was part of our healthy eating topic.

After lots of vigorous hand-washing, the children were able to knead out their pizza dough, spread the tomato sauce, and cover it in mozzarella. While all 22 pizzas were cooking, the children were able to sample different fresh ingredients that Pizza Express use, including mushrooms, olives, onions, tomatoes, lemons, and even fresh basil leaves. They learned how each of those foods grow, and about the countries where they come from.

Luckily the minibus drive back was short, as the smell of pizzas before lunch was almost too much to bear!





# Middle School

## Sikh Temple

Our recent visit to a Sikh Gurdwara enabled the children in Year 4 to see first-hand how Sikhs worship. The children learned how people of all faiths are welcome in a Gurdwara, about the Sikh philosophy of everyone being equal and also, the origin of Sikhism. They also saw how much Sikhs do for their community. At the end of their visit, the children went into the Langar, where they were invited to share in a vegetarian snack, a very important custom in Sikhism.



## Ancient Egyptian Workshop

Our Ancient Egyptian history topic was brought to life when St Albans Museum came into school to show us some artefacts from ancient Egyptian times. The workshop began with group activities, involving different aspects of Egyptian life. The children dressed up as Egyptians, played with Egyptian toys and musical instruments and learned how to write their names in hieroglyphics! They also saw models of mummies and even had a turn at bandaging themselves up in linen strips. In the final and most exciting part of the workshop, the children were given the opportunity to look at and handle some authentic ancient Egyptian artefacts that had been excavated from the Valley of the Kings in the 1920s. There were shabti dolls, jewellery, and some amulets that had been found amongst the bandages of a real mummy!



# Upper School

## Year 6 Synagogue Trip

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Year 6 were taken by Mrs Brown, Mr James and Mr Woodward to the St Albans Masorti Synagogue, as part of their Religious Studies. This trip enabled the children to gain a better understanding of the importance of the Synagogue to those of the Jewish faith, together with what can be seen inside.

Year 6 were conducted around a wonderful display that explained who Jewish people are (including many famous celebrities who are Jewish), the Torah (the Jewish Law), the differences between egalitarian, reform and traditional (orthodox) synagogues, the Jewish calendar, and special Jewish celebrations like Pesach (Passover), Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Shavuot and Sukkot. The children were also able to enact a Shabbat meal, learn the differences between Kosher and non-Kosher foods, and the rituals that take place during various stages in Jewish life, from the birth of a baby to Bat and Bar Mitzvah, marriage and the end of life.

Year 6 also learnt about the Rabbi's role as the leader of that local Jewish community and what happened during the services he or she conducts. They saw the beautifully designed menorah (the seven-branched candlestick and symbol of Judaism) the bimah (reading desk) and the ner tamid (the everlasting light) that symbolises God's eternal presence.

One of the scrolls was then taken from the Ark (which represents the original Ark of the Covenant that contained the Ten Commandments) and the children were able to see the hand-written Hebrew script of the Torah. They learnt that each scroll cost around £30,000 and was treated with great respect; wrapped in mantles, read with a silver

pointer (yad) to avoid damage, and buried when no longer legible.

The children clearly had a most enjoyable and memorable time and the hands-on experience really brought to life the children's classroom learning. A big 'thank you' to all at the Synagogue for a wonderful morning.





# Upper School

## Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

The adaptation of Mark Haddon's 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' absolutely captivated the pupils and staff lucky enough to attend and we could, from the very first scene, see why it was hailed by The Times as 'a phenomenal combination of storytelling and spectacle.' It opened with Christopher, fifteen years old, stood beside Mrs Shears' dead dog. It had been speared with a garden fork seven minutes after midnight, and Christopher was under suspicion... We were subsequently taken on a journey through Christopher's extraordinary brain, seeing that whilst he was exceptional at maths, he was ill-equipped to interpret everyday life; a life that also became destabilised by events beyond his control.

The production has since provoked some very interesting and thoughtful work in English lessons and PSHCEE.

Victor, Year 7 said:

'Christopher had a different way of viewing the world to most people. Although the author of the book doesn't say it, I think that Christopher is autistic, which means he takes things very literally. The play showed me that he

was very clever and could answer any maths sum perfectly, but he found it very hard to be touched or to read people's expressions.... I really enjoyed the play because it gave really good insight of what it must be like to have a disability or be so different. The story was thrilling, but also touching because of how hard it must be not just for Christopher, but also his parents.'



# Upper School

## Safety Awareness Centre

As part of our PSHCEE curriculum, which includes focus on fundamental British values (FBV) and the spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development of pupils, we visited The Safety Centre in Kiln Farm with Year 6. The children took part in twelve different activities within the centre, designed to give them a unique and interactive learning experience.

During their tour of this incredible 'life-size' village, pupils encountered a range of 'hazards' giving them the opportunity to develop vital knowledge and strategies on how to stay safe and how to avoid behaviour that could lead to dangerous, anti-social or illegal acts.





# Upper School

## Dissection

Year 7 were able to dissect a pig's heart. When we cut the heart open, there was quite a lot of squeaking from some of the boys. We saw some of the cords, blood vessels, trachea and the general structure of the heart.

For the finale, Mrs Harris took the liver that she had and we tested to see the effect that alcohol had on it. The liver reacted quickly and we had a good idea of what an alcoholic's liver would look like.

We all learnt loads from the dissection, and it was a perfect way to end our topic of the circulatory system'.

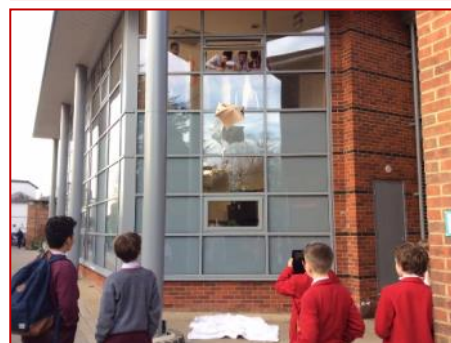
By Victor Year 7.

Ben (Year 7) enjoyed his dissection and wrote in his review:

'I found out what a pig looks like inside and pigs are very like us and their heart is the same size. Cilia cells keep our lungs and trachea clean, and you kill them smoking. The trachea that is completely clean belongs to a free range pig. The free range pig we saw had no dust in its trachea'. Elliot agreed with Ben adding:

'If a pig is brought up on a dusty barn, its trachea is dirty and could have easily got clogged. When a pig is brought up in the wild, it has a trachea which is clear and isn't clogged. It shows that even if a pig is brought up with plenty of food and water on a dusty farm, its trachea could be dirtier than a free range pig which did not have as much food or water as it needed. It may sound false but it is true, and it shows how careful you have to be bringing an animal up on a farm'.

## Year 7 Science Activity



Year 7 science activities group had great fun planning and building a 'Mars lander' out of straws, plastic bags and balloons. Their challenge was to land their model containing a raw egg, safely from the first floor window of the Performing Arts Centre without breaking the egg. Well done to the winning team for their excellent design.

## Year 6 Science

Year 6 were blown away by static wind created by the new Van de Graaff generator.



# Upper School

## Holocaust Memorial Day

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January we celebrated Holocaust Memorial Day. We started our day with a morning assembly, introducing the theme, 'Rescuers.'

Throughout the day the children took part in various activities, learning about important individuals, many of whom were responsible for rescuing others. At break time, everyone including Lower School enjoyed a tasty slice of Jewish Challah bread.

In the afternoon Upper School watched a recorded version of the Antiques Road Show which was dedicated to Holocaust memorabilia, and it was very moving to listen to the accounts of those who survived the Holocaust, of their ordeals during World War II, and of the loved ones whom they lost. Freddie (Year 7) and several of his friends prepared and delivered a presentation all about Freddie's Great Grandfather who survived the Holocaust, which was excellent and very poignant.

The day was completed with a special Holocaust Memorial Evensong, with all the hymns, songs, poetry and readings dedicated to those who endured the Holocaust. Throughout the day the children were really interested, considerate and thoughtful and they learnt a great deal.

## Natural History Museum

On 3rd March Year 6 went on the Natural History Museum trip for their earthquakes and volcanoes topic, as well as their science investigative sessions. We had seamless journeys to and from London.

We arrived there just after 10:30 and, after registration and briefing, the pupils were divided into two groups, group A doing the investigative session, whilst group B went to the Red Zone to do their discovery session on volcanoes and earthquakes.

It was fascinating to see the pupils engaged and filling in their booklets conscientiously. At 12:30 we all met in

the facilities zone where we enjoyed our scrumptious packed lunch before we swapped over for similar activities.

Finally, we met up at 14:30 for a quick shopping spree as the pupils spent their pocket money on souvenirs.

We then set off around 15:15. Many thanks go to the pupils who made this trip worthwhile because of their good behaviour and conscientiousness, the supportive parents who accompanied us and Mrs Harris who helped organise the trip. It was a very fruitful day full of fun and discoveries.





# Sport

## U11 Netball Goes out with a bang!

The U11A & U11B teams played in their last ever netball game at Westbrook Hay against Heath Mount. The captains were Maya and Charlotte who both took their roles seriously. The girls had tough teams to play but did their best.

The A team put up a strong fight, frequently getting the ball into their goal circle, but the strong defence

just made shooting very difficult, leading to Heath Mount taking the win. Player of the match was awarded to Maya for excellent work as centre.

Owing to injury and illness the U11B team had to include four year 5 players and they also had a tough game. They fought hard and never gave up but Heath Mount took the win.

Some great playing came from Charlotte working as centre and Jasmine in defence.

Player of the match was awarded to Siobhan for her work as goal attack and as a defender.



# Sport

## U11 Netball

The U11 A & B netball teams played in their final netball season at Westbrook Hay. Both teams had a good season with a number of strong wins. Both adapted well to the 'on the day player changes' that regularly occurred throughout the season due to injury and illness. Every member of the team played a key role and should be extremely pleased with themselves for their efforts this term.

Notable performances this year came from the girls' sports captain Maya, who played fantastically as centre with clear knowledge of the game. Imogen put in some great performances as wing attack while Julia showed a great improvement in her shooting skills, quickly becoming top scorer in most matches. Other girls who showed impressive performances were Isabella as goal attack, demonstrating excellent shooting skills, Fenella who also put in some top shooting performances and showed excellent defensive play as goal defence and Olivia who notably made a big improvement this season in her defensive play.

The girls should be very pleased with their work this year and I hope they continue to play and enjoy netball in their next schools.

## U10 Netball

The U10A netball team had an outstanding netball season, remaining undefeated in their league matches against U10 teams. They also had an amazing performance at the Berkhamsted netball tournament earlier in the season, finishing in second place. The U10B team had some mixed results, with a number of very good wins. They worked very hard, coming together strongly as a team as the year progressed.

Notable performances this year came from Milly and Amy, both playing centre for their teams, while Adun (defence) and Gracie (attack) should be proud of their outstanding performances. Lillie quickly became top goal scorer in a number of her matches, and Grace, Katie and Ophelia who also put in some top shooting performances. Both teams should be very proud of their achievements this year.

They have worked fantastically as a team in training and matches.

## U9 Netball

The U9 A & B netball teams both worked hard this season, with mixed results, but from game to game they remained determined and fought hard.

Top performances throughout the season came from Ruth for her outstanding defensive skills, which gained her player of the match at the Year 4 netball tournament at Edge Grove. Verity and Isabella both performed well in their shooting positions, while Charlotte had a great season moving from the B team to the A team, playing wing positions and working as a shooter when needed. Contributing at the position of centre, both Angel and Emma demonstrated fast movement around the court, helping to bring the ball down to the shooting circle.





# Sport

The U8 netball teams had a great season. Starting in November with no knowledge of netball, they played 5-a-side matches and ended the season in 7-a-side tournaments. The girls should be very proud of themselves and their improved skills and team work. The U8A team had a fantastic season winning most of their games. They ended the season on a high, taking part in two netball tournaments and achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both. The U8B team won a few of their matches but showed big improvements in their passing and team work towards the end of the season.

Top performances came from Sophie who started in defence but moved over to centre, and Freya in Goal attack. Both girls showed outstanding

## U8 Netball

speed and agility on court. Zoya, who started the year playing as a wing, demonstrated great improvement in her shooting skills in training and ended the season as a shooter. Lucy had an amazing season where her regular shooting practice paid off, scoring well for her team in each game and ending her season playing for the A team at both tournaments, meriting her place by scoring highly. Finally, Meredith and Livia worked hard throughout the year as centre and defence respectfully; their quick movement helped their team gain the ball and move towards their shooting end.

Every member of the team should be delighted with their performance this year.



# Sport

## U12 Rugby

The U12 team had an excellent season winning most of their matches. Captained by example by Victor, there was an excellent collective spirit and team work. Elliot was our leading try scorer but there were also plenty of other 'finishers' including William, Ibrahim, Orlando and Connor.

Our best match was our last where we narrowly lost in a game described by World Cup winning England Scrum Half, Kieran Bracken as;

'The bravest performance I have witnessed from a school year group of your size'.



## U11 Rugby

The U11Bs rugby team developed greatly as the term progressed. By the end of the term we were making numerous tackles throughout the games. They also developed their passing skills so they could pass the ball out of the tackle. The thing, however, which was most impressive about the team was their 'never-say-die attitude' in every game. No matter what the score, every member of the team gave their maximum in every game.

A special mention must go to Joss who drove the team forward on every occasion. He also scored some spectacular tries throughout our matches.





# Sport

## U10A Rugby

A few new faces were added to last year's side and made a great impact. The skill sets of Charlie and Miles meant the team had a little more presence and game understanding, while Toby's inclusion moved the team on to the next level. His explosive running, tough tackling and rucking at the breakdown was great to see. Lucas continued his excellent progress from last year while Joseph really came to the fore with his strong running with the ball and work in the contact areas. In addition, Joseph continued to be a thorn in opposition's defences with his powerful runs.

Our best results came before half-term where we enjoyed victories over Beechwood and Aldwickbury, while after half-term we came up against very good Edge Grove and Manor Lodge sides. We have been really pleased with the development of the squad and look forward to seeing them progress over the next few years.



## U10B Rugby

The U10B Team have made fantastic progress this term. Although we didn't get to play as many games as we would have liked due to the weather, the boys worked extremely hard during games lessons to improve their game play and understanding. The boys grew in confidence over the term and finished off with some very good performances against some very strong opposition.

Thomas and Theo were very difficult to stop and scored a number of excellent tries over the course of the term. Tobi, Thomas and Oscar all impressed with their defensive duties.

Well done boys on a good term of rugby.



## U9A Rugby

Our side has thoroughly impressed this term. From the first game, no-one could question their bravery as they constantly put their bodies on the line when tackling. Austin and Oli were our 'big hitters' and they were always backed up by the rest of the boys, led by Freddie and Thomas. With all of the boys enjoying their first year of contact rugby there was a lot of information to impart, but the team produced some impressive performances in matches against Manor Lodge, Aldwickbury and Beechwood in particular. Silas developed his game well and Jake was always a key player for us with his good all round game.

The team enjoyed taking the ball into contact and a target for next year is to use the space a little more. There's certainly more to come from this team!



# Sport

## 1st Team

This rugby season has been excellent watching the boys develop their skills on and off the pitch. We have had to adapt for certain games, missing players through illness or injury, particularly missing Max for the majority of the season which was a big loss. We have been blessed with a talented, athletic group of boys who have played entertaining rugby from start to finish and shown enthusiasm and determination throughout the season. A few stats from the 13-a-side season; lost 2, won 3 and played 5. Points conceded 85 with 165 scored. Top try scorers; Freddie 8 tries, Max 7 tries and Ben 3 tries.

The 7-a-side season proved to be just as entertaining. With our first tournament at Aldro 7s, going into the tournament with limited experience in 7-a-side rugby, the boys won 3 and lost 1 in the group stages, eventually losing to RGS Guildford 21-22 who went on to win the plate competition. We believe we

came 6/16 in that tournament, which was a fantastic achievement by all. We played fast expansive rugby and not many teams matched us for skill that day. Moving on to IAPs 7s, this tournament would prove to test us as a team physically and mentally. Although we did not get the result we wanted that day, our work rate was

relentless and faultless which is a credit to the boys.

Overall, we have enjoyed coaching this joyful, hard working group of boys over the past two years. We wish them all the best of luck at their new schools and for the rest of their rugby careers. We look forward to watching some of them on telly one day.



## Swimming

We have enjoyed a few galas over the course of the term, both for the A and development squads, but the highlight came in the regional qualifying meet at Aldwickbury. Tommy and Marley became our first pupils to qualify for the IAPS National Finals and will head to Crawley in May to see how they fare. We wish them the best of luck!





# Sport

## Ski Trip

During the Easter holidays 44 children and 6 members of staff headed to the southern Alps of France for our annual ski trip to Les Orres, and what a week we had! The journey via air from Heathrow and then coach from Marseilles was smooth. On arrival the pistes were in good condition, which is not to be said for other parts of Europe at that time, as well as empty of any other skiers.

Split into five ability groups, the pupils explored the mountain with their English-speaking instructors. At the day's mid-way point, a buffet-style lunch was taken on the balcony of the hotel before each group headed back out on to the mountain. We enjoyed two days of glorious sunshine before a heavy downpour of

snow on day three. This made skiing on our final two days an absolute dream!

At the end of each day's skiing we enjoyed some après-ski activities such as bowling, the bungee trampoline and the luge, as well as our daily crepe eating competition. Story time, in the evening after dinner, was enjoyed by all with the kids regaling everyone in

the hilarious stories of their day's skiing.

At the end of the week, the instructors issued their awards, with every child receiving a memento. As a school we had our own more 'informal' awards night too, which included prizes for the 'Top Skiers', 'Tidiest Room', 'Best French Effort' and 'Biggest Shopper'.

Preparations have started for 'Les Orres 2018' so watch this space!



## Table Tennis

At the beginning of the term we took 5 boys to Edge Grove for a Table Tennis tournament. We had a wonderful evening of exciting table tennis and the boys really enjoyed playing against their counterparts.

We had winners in both the senior and junior sections, with the senior winner being Elliot and the junior trophies went to Daniel and Henry; with Daniel getting the winner's trophy, whilst Henry the runner up trophy.

Well done boys for a wonderful tournament and to Edge Grove for hosting us.



# Music

## Haileybury

On Friday 9th February members of the Westbrook Hay Orchestra went to Haileybury College for an Orchestral day. Haileybury is a large college so my first thought was, "Wow! This is big.....!" But gradually we found our way around. This was the day we had:

9:30am-sign in.

10:00am-sectional rehearsals 1&2.

12:00pm-lunch.

1.15pm-refreshment break.

3:30pm-full rehearsal 2.

4:30pm-break.

4:45pm-concert.

5:30pm-End.

Yes, we had at least a 1 hour session of blowing or pounding or plucking and it was exhausting for woodwind and brass!

The lunch was nice as well: fish, chips, peas and sticky toffee pudding!

It was Haileybury's first ever orchestral day. The instruments in the different groups were; clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone and recorder in woodwind. In brass, there were violin, double bass, cello and viola. In percussion, there are drums. Woodwind played 'Jupiter', 'The Firebird' and 'I got Rhythm'.

'I got Rhythm' was very upbeat, 'The Firebird' was sad and 'Jupiter' was a mix of the two; happy to begin with but sad towards the end. I do not

know what the strings' songs were, mainly because I was in woodwind.

The Brass did play the same as woodwind as they moved into our bit. Naughty! I was very lucky to have been included because I have just joined the school. One thing I have learnt, Haileybury is a very nice and

friendly college.

Thank you to Mr Wagstaff taking us there and thank you to Sophie too. Overall, it was tiring but fun!

Written by James





# Music

## Pangbourne Piano Festival

A massive 'CONGRATULATIONS' to all our 19 children representing Westbrook Hay.

As well as all courageously presenting themselves well under pressure, they showed amazing musical talent on behalf of the school.

As some of you have already heard, Emma won 1st prize in her piano competition class at Pangbourne College.



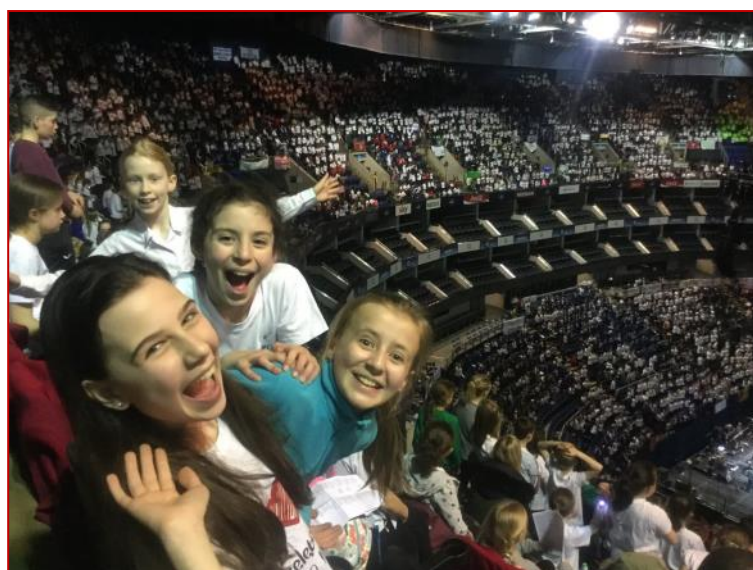
## 02 Arena

On Tuesday 7th February Westbrook Hay Senior Choir joined together with other school groups from all over London and the South East to perform in one of the Young Voices concerts at the O2 Arena in Greenwich. Our 35 talented singers made their contribution to a huge choir that totalled 7,495 children in all!

The choir had been rehearsing hard

for several months to learn all the songs and medleys (and dance moves) off by heart for the concert.

As well as the choir there were solo singers, beatboxers and a street dance group, who entertained the children and their audience of friends and family alike. It was a long day that included a two and a half hour rehearsal in the afternoon, but it was an unforgettable experience for all the children.



## Watford Festival

The Watford Festival was held at Parmiters school over several weekends.

Angel won 1st prize in a class of 16 called 'Songs from Musical Theatre' Age 9 & under.

She was up against competitors from an area as wide as Tring all the way to Harrow. Isaac won 2nd prize in the same class.

In the earlier class at 2pm for the under 7s, Zoe won 3rd prize.

An excellent weekend all round!



## Around the school

### Charities Committee

The Charities Committee has had a busy term raising money for this year's chosen charity, 'Playskill'.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March there was a book and toy sale in the Performing Arts Centre and also a café. Our takings for the afternoon were £611.30, with more donations still coming in. Thank you so much to all the mums who helped to run the



stalls of their delicious homemade cakes, and served cups of tea and coffee. Also, thank you to everyone who donated books and toys for the sale.

So far, we have a grand total of £1720. Next term, we would like to run a 'Bag2school' collection for second hand clothes. More information about this will be out soon, closer to the date.





## Around the School

### Boarding gets a facelift

Boarding at Westbrook Hay has had a little bit of a facelift this term with a brand new name and common room. Now called a 'Two Night Residential Stay', we started the term off with Year 6 boys battling it out at Quasar. Our girls opted for go-karting which for many was their first experience of driving. They soon got the hang of things and were whizzing round the track like pros!

Ten-pin bowling was chosen by the Year 5 boys. Two teams were led by our GAPs, Ricci and Hugh and they were outclassed by the boys who were scoring some impressive strikes.

Finally, Year 7 and 8 went to see 'Kong: Skull Island' at the cinema. Although they thoroughly enjoyed the 3D escapades of various super-sized animals, Miss Whitehead reportedly spent most of the film jumping out of her seat!! Our brand new common room, equipped with sofa, bean bags for all, TV, DVD player and a selection of DVD's was enjoyed by all groups on a Wednesday evening. The Good Dinosaur was a popular choice!



# WHA

## Easter Egg Hunt

For this year's Easter Egg Hunt, tickets were purchased through the ticketing website which has resulted in a very respectable 10% increase year on year. This year we sold 168 in total.

The warm weather forecast definitely helped with this.

The down side to having good weather is that people actually spend time in the grounds and as such raffle ticket sales were poor. The upside of good weather is that people stay longer at the event and sales from refreshments were excellent.

The WHA would like to say a big thank you to the Lower School staff who manned the stalls of refreshments and raffle, and to the parents who also helped with the set up and manning of stalls during the event.

Profit raised was £850



### Upcoming WHA events:

- **Family Fun Day & Camp out**  
**-Saturday 1st July**

### Dates for your diary:

- **Teddy Bears' Picnic- Satur-**  
**day 16th September**

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